

including the residents of the District of Columbia.

I want to say to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) that his own hard work on this bill has been absolutely indispensable. Where we have worked together trying to fashion a bill that he and I could both agree upon, we have reached out to the residents in order to find what their concerns were from the private colleges who wanted to make the kind of private college alternative available here that is available in Virginia. We have reached out to UDC where there are students who cannot possibly take advantage of out-of-State tuition and because we have worked so closely together and worked with the Secretary of Education and with members of the administration, we have reached a bill that we think fits and serves the residents of the District of Columbia.

He spoke, the chairman spoke, about the students at Eastern High School, and I do not believe that he exaggerated when he spoke about how absolutely thrilled these youngsters were to think of going to school outside of the District of Columbia, to have their opportunities broadened so spectacularly with one bill.

I want to thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS), the members of my committee and the leadership of the full committee for a Herculean effort not only in designing this bill but in working with the Speaker and the minority leader to bring this bill forward so that it could get and achieve early passage so early in the 106th Congress.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, will the gentlewoman yield?

Ms. NORTON. I yield to the gentleman from Virginia.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, let me just add one final point and that is this, if we really want to change the culture in this city where education becomes the thing to do for high school students, where it becomes matter of fact that one goes to high school and they move on to college or higher education, this is the kind of legislation that is needed because right now it is only a dream and not an achievable dream for many.

To be able to go to a quality private or State university system and have an array of choices and have that affordable to someone, we think will break that cycle and will encourage more people to go in.

The contrast between the surrounding suburbs where sometimes over 90 percent of the kids who graduate from high school go on to higher education and in the city is astounding. This, I think, could help change that around by making it truly achievable. Again, I commend my friend, the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) for her efforts in this and look forward to prompt passage.

Ms. NORTON. I could not agree more with the words of the gentleman, and

so much so that I want him to know that I will be working with the city to see if residents can use this bill beginning with this school year.

If they tool up, I think that they can make it happen, even though our fiscal year begins October 1 and school usually begins in August and September. I thank the gentleman again for his leadership and for his great assistance on this bill.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 974, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 974, the bill just passed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### NOAL CUSHING BATEMAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1251) to designate the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the "Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1251

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, in Sandy, Utah, shall be known and designated as the "Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building".

#### SEC. 2. REFERENCES.

Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the building referred to in section 1 shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS).

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. COOK) introduced H.R. 1251

on March 24, 1999, designating the United States Postal Service building located at 8850 South 700 East, Sandy, Utah, as the "Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office Building". This legislation is cosponsored by each Member of the Utah delegation to the House of Representatives pursuant to the policy of the Committee on Government Reform.

The Congressional Budget Office has determined that enactment of this measure would have no significant impact on the Federal budget and would not affect direct spending and receipts.

Pay-as-you-go procedures, therefore, would not be applicable.

Mr. Bateman, honored by the bill before us, served in the Sandy City council for 20 years and was mayor for 6 years. He also served as head of the local PTA chapter and led a successful school construction bond campaign. He attained leadership positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to support this bill, H.R. 1251.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to join my colleague, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS), in bringing to the House Floor five postal-naming bills. These five measures have met the Committee on Government Reform requirement and enjoy the full support and cosponsorship of their respective House congressional delegations. All of these bills were reported unanimously out of the Subcommittee on Postal Service and the full committee. I urge their immediate consideration and approval.

Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. COOK).

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, today the House of Representatives is poised to pass H.R. 1251, a bill to rename the post office in Sandy, Utah, the Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Noal Cushing Bateman represents the best of Utah. In his lifetime, he has seen Sandy City grow from a struggling farming community of 3,000 to a thriving business center with over 100,000 residents. Not only has he witnessed the growth but his planning and vision in large measure made it possible. His service to the community has spanned most of the 20th century.

Beginning in 1935, he served 20 years on the Sandy City council, 14 years as Sandy City treasurer and 6 years as mayor. He served for 35 years as the director for the Salt Lake County Water Conservancy District. At an age when many people retire, Noal Bateman was just catching his second wind. At age 69, he chaired the Community Development Block Grant Committee, a position he held for 9 years.

He was president of the Sandy PTA and lead a campaign for a bond issue to build the present Sandy Elementary School. Today, at age 87 he remains active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and in the community.

Sandy City presents an annual award to the person who best exemplifies the volunteer and community service that makes Sandy such a wonderful place to live, to work, to raise a family. This award is called the Noal Bateman Award. It is only fitting that we honor the man whose vision made Sandy what it is today by renaming the Sandy Post Office at 8850 South 700 East the Noal Cushing Bateman Post Office.

The measure is a small gesture of gratitude for decades of tireless efforts by Mayor Bateman on behalf of the citizens of Sandy.

I would like to thank the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON), chairman of the Committee on Government Reform, for his prompt measure on this action in the committee, and I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1251.

The question was taken.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1251.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### JOHN J. BUCHANAN POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1377) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1377

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, is hereby designated as the "John J. Buchanan Post Of-

fice Building". Any reference to such facility in a law, regulation, map, document, paper, or other record of the United States shall be considered to be a reference to the "John J. Buchanan Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) and the gentleman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS).

(Mr. DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER).

(Mr. WELLER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, as we work this year to strengthen our local schools, lower taxes for the middle class and save Social Security and Medicare, I particularly want to thank the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) and the committee for this opportunity to honor the work and dedication of Alderman John J. Buchanan who retired last month as alderman for the 10th Ward in the City of Chicago after almost 20 years of public service.

I introduced H.R. 1377 to recognize Alderman Buchanan's outstanding public service record in Chicago and honor him through the designation of the United States Post Office at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue as the John J. Buchanan Post Office. I have enjoyed working with the alderman personally over the last 4 years in a bipartisan effort to help 10th Ward residents who have particularly worked very closely for improvements to Brainard Avenue in the Hegewish area and the continued construction of the Deep Tunnel Project designed to protect our Lake Michigan drinking water.

John Buchanan has been a life-long resident and public servant for the 10th Ward. The only time he left the community was during his years of service in the United States Navy. He was first elected to office in 1963 and served the community until 1971.

From 1972 until 1977, he served as coordinator of economic development for the Chicago Mayor's office. While in this position, he successfully instituted programs for the retention and attraction of new business and industry. In 1991, Alderman Buchanan was once again elected to serve as alderman of the 10th Ward of Chicago. His city council committee membership included Aviation; Budget and Government Relations; Rules and Ethics; Economic and Capital Development; Finance; Human Relations; and Police and Fire.

Alderman Buchanan and his wife, who I would point out is his high school sweetheart, have two children and five grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to report that every Member of the Illinois Congressional Delegation has agreed to support this legislation as cosponsors. I want to thank the gentleman and the committee for this opportunity to recognize the exceptional public service of Alderman John J. Buchanan through this special honor.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 1377 was introduced by my colleague, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER), on April 13, 1999. This measure designates the United States Postal Service facility located at 13234 South Baltimore Avenue in Chicago as the John J. Buchanan Post Office Building.

Mr. Buchanan is a City of Chicago alderman who recently retired as a life-long resident and public servant of Chicago's 10th Ward. He has resided in Chicago his entire life. John Buchanan serves on the board of directors of several community organizations, including the south Chicago YMCA and Trinity Hospital Governing Council. We are pleased to support this naming bill for John J. Buchanan.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. DAVIS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1377.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1377.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

#### CLIFFORD R. HOPE POST OFFICE

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 197) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, as the "Clifford R. Hope Post Office".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 197

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. DESIGNATION.

The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 North 6th Street in Garden City, Kansas, is hereby designated as